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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2, & 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoshino in view of Irvin.

1. Regarding claim 1, Hoshino disclosed An electronic device (10; fig. 1; col.3; 23-43) comprising:

control means for providing the device with a plurality of selectable operating modes, the operating modes defining respective sets of operating parameters for functions of the device; (col.5; 12-40)

voice detection means for receiving an input voice signal and for providing voice activation of at least one function of the device, the voice detection means being operable to

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compare an input voice signal with a library of stored voice signals and to output a control signal on the basis of that comparison, (col.3; 23-43)

wherein each operating mode of the device has an associated library of stored voice signals for use by the voice detection means when the operating mode concerned is selected. (col.5; 59 – col.6; 18)

Hoshino fails to disclosed the stored voice signals are stored by at least one user of the device. However, Irvin teaches in an analogous art, that wherein the stored voice signals are stored by at least one user of the device. (Col.5; 1-33) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include the stored voice signals are stored by at least one user of the device in order to provide automatically tailoring a communication device to suit the user's preferences based on the user's identity.

2. Regarding claim 2, Hoshino disclosed An electronic device (10; fig.1; col.3; 23-43) having a plurality of user selectable operating modes, each operating mode defining a set of operating parameters for the device, (col.5; 12-40) and having at least one voice activated function which is responsive to an input voice signal, (col.3; 23-43)

wherein the reference voice signals are stored in groups, each of which relates to a specific operating mode of the device. (col.5; 59 – col.6; 18)

Hoshino fails to disclosed the reference voice signals are stored by at least one user of the device. However, Irvin teaches in an analogous art, that wherein reference voice signals are stored in the device by at least one user of the device. (Col.5; 1-33) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include the reference

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voice signals are stored by at least one user of the device in order to provide automatically tailoring a communication device to suit the user's preferences based on the user's identity.

4. Regarding claim 4, Hoshino disclosed all the particulars of the claim except the reference voice signals relate to specific functions of the telephone. However, Irvin teaches in an analogous art, that A device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, being a mobile telephone, and wherein the reference voice signals relate to specific functions of the telephone. (Col.5; 1-33) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include the reference voice signals relate to specific functions of the telephone in order to provide automatically tailoring a communication device to suit the user's preferences based on the user's operational profiles.

5. Regarding claim 5, Hoshino disclosed all the particulars of the claim except at least one operating mode is defined by at least one user of the telephone, the reference signal group associated with that operating mode also being defined by the user. However, Irvin teaches in an analogous art, that A device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, being a mobile telephone, wherein at least one operating mode is defined by at least one user of the telephone, the reference signal group associated with that operating mode also being defined by the user. (Col.5; 1-33) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include at least one operating mode is defined by at least one user of the telephone, the reference signal group associated with that operating mode also being defined by the user in

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order to provide automatically tailoring a communication device to suit the user's preferences based on the user's operational profiles.

6. Regarding claim 6, Hoshino disclosed A method of operating an electronic device (10; fig. 1; col.3; 23-43) which has a plurality of operating modes for defining operating parameters of the device (col.5; 12-40), and which has at least one voice activated function, (col.3; 23-43) the method comprising:

storing reference voice signals in groups; (col.5; 59 – col.60; 11)

Hoshino fails to disclosed the reference voice signals are stored by at least one user of the device. However, Irvin teaches in an analogous art, that associating the said groups with respective operating modes of the device; and using an associated group of reference signals for voice signal matching in a chosen operating mode. (Col.5; 1-33) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include the reference voice signals are stored by at least one user of the device in order to provide automatically tailoring a communication device to suit the user's preferences based on the user's identity.

7. Regarding claim 7, Hoshino disclosed A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the device is a mobile telephone. (col.1; 8-16 & col.3; 23-33)

8. Regarding claim 8, Hoshino disclosed all the particulars of the claim except each operating mode defines a respective list of voice references to potential dialed numbers. However, Irvin teaches in an analogous art, that A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein each operating mode

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defines a respective list of voice references to potential dialed numbers, the voice references being compared with an input voice signal to determine the number to be dialed by the telephone. (Col.5; 1-33) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include each operating mode defines a respective list of voice references to potential dialed numbers of the telephone in order to provide automatically tailoring a communication device to suit the user's preferences based on the user's operational profiles.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoshino, Irvin in view of Marui et al.

3. Regarding claim 3, The above combination disclosed all the particulars of the claim except a voice activated dialing function. However, Marui teaches in an analogous art, that A device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, being a mobile telephone and having a voice activated dialing function for dialing called numbers in response to a voice input from a user, the groups of reference voice signals including references to intended called numbers. (col.2; 38-48 & col.13; 18-44) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include a voice activated dialing function in order to provide a voice recognition system in radio telephone capable of making calls without manual dialing.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharad Rampuria whose telephone number is 703-308-4736. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu. (6:30-4:00) alternate Fri.(6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 703-308-5318. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4700.

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